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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
DISAPPEARANCE OF ROBERTO OMA ZAFFORA (607/78/9) AND
MARIA BARROS DE ZAFFORA (606/78/9)

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR INQUIRY OF SEPTEMBER 1978
REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MARIA DEL CARMEN BARROS DE
ZAFFORA AND ROBERTO OMAR ZAFFORA, THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S
WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS INFORMED US THAT THE
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS NO RECORD OF THE DETENTION OF
MARIA BARROS DE ZAFFORA AND ROBERTO ZAFFORA, NOR ANY
INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR WHEREABOUTS.
THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR MADE INQUIRIES IN THESE CASES
WITH POLICE AUTHORITIES IN THE CAPITAL AND IN BUENOS
AIRES PROVINCE, AND ALSO WITH THE ARGENTINE ARMY.

2. THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST ON THIS
MATTER HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE. WE
WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THESE CASES AND WILL INFORM
YOU OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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3. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
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